March 02, 2003
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon., Mar. 03, 2003
Sir 17:20 - 24 Mk 10:17-27
Office Hours – 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
5:30 pm - Mass
6:00 - 6:30 pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30 - 6:45 pm - Evening Prayer
7:00 - RCIA meets in the library
6:30 - 8:00 pm - Girl Scouts meet
7:00 - 8:30 pm -Boy Scouts meet

Tues., Mar. 04, 2003
Sir 35:1-12 Mk 10:28-31
8:00 am - Mass
Office Hours – 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
4:30 pm - Art & Environment decorate church
4:30 pm - Communion Service, Bob Roseland home.
7:00 pm - Liturgy Committee meets

Wed., Mar. 05, 2003
Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
8:00 am - Mass
9:00 - 12:00 - Food Pantry
Office Hours - 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
No Youth Formation Meal
No Youth Formation Classes
7:00 pm - Mass
Ministry Schedule:
Music: Lorraine Ptacek
Euch. Min.: Body: Myron Kuehler
Blood: Frank Boner/Brenda Czmowski
Cecilia Keller/Greg Sass
Lector: Donna Boner/Gladys Doyle
Servers: Ryan Henrickson/Alex Kuehler
Jessica Schacher
Usher: Bernard/Loretta Wiehl
Gift Bearers: ***Please Volunteer***
Bread Baker: Patty Creek
Sacristan:

Thurs., Mar. 06, 2003
Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25
8:00 am - Mass
Office Hours - 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Fri., Mar. 07, 2003
Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15
No Mass
Office Hours - 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
6:00 pm - Soup Supper
7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
Altar Servers: David Strand/Katie Strand
Jessica Schacher

Sat., Mar. 08, 2003
Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32 (daily reading)
Gn 9:8-15 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15
9:00 - 12:00 noon - Food Pantry
4:00 - 4:30 pm - Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Mass
Ministry Schedule:
Music: Folk Group
Euch. Min.: Body: Stephanie Strand
Blood: Bruce/Mary Johnson
Wayne/Pat Roe
Lector: Gladys Doyle/Greg Sass
Servers: Ryan Henrickson/David/Katie Strand
Usher: Bernard/Loretta Wiehl
Gift Bearers: ***Please Volunteer***
Bread Baker: Patty Cariveau
Sacristan:
6:00 pm - Rosary prayer in Church

Sun., Mar. 09, 2003
First Sunday of Lent
Gn 9:8-15 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15
8:00 a.m. Mass
Ministry Schedule:
Music: Regena's Minstrels
Euch. Min.: Body: Cecilia Keller
Blood: Dean/Mary Antonsen
Brenda Jacobs/Jim Konechne
Lector: Larry/Joyce Williamson
Servers: Kelly Cleberg/Joey Olson
Dane Schroeder
Usher: Don Everson/Marc Jacobs
Gift Bearers: ***Please Volunteer***
Bread Baker: Patty Creek
Sacristan:
9:00 - Rosary Prayer in Church
9:00 am - Coffee/Donuts
9:15 am - 10:15 am -Youth Formation classes
10:30 a.m. Mass
Ministry Schedule:
Music: Family Choir
Euch. Min.: Body: Brenda Czmowski
Blood: Brad/Mary Blauvelt
Ken/Kathy Van Asma
Lector: Joni Osnes/Scott Silbernagel
Servers: Tyler Corbine/Gina Czmowski
Usher: Jim Hoag/John Schweigerdt
Gift Bearers: ***Please Volunteer***
Sacristan:
11:30 am - 2:30 pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Benediction/Stations of the Cross
4:00 - 5:30 pm - Easter Cantata Rehearsal
6:30 pm - First Communion Parent meeting

Intentions:
Sun., Mar. 02- 8:00 am - For parishioners
Wed., Mar. 05 - Healing and reconciliation for victims of sexual abuse and abusers.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In love and fidelity, God binds us to himself. Listen to God's voice. Are you being called to the servant-leadership of ordained or vowed ministry? (Hosea 2:16-17, 21-22)

Lay Ministry Class - organizational meeting: will be held at OLBH on Monday, March 24 at 7:00 pm.

Please bring your palms from last Palm Sunday to be made into ashes for Ash Wednesday. There will be a basket in the narthex in which to place them.

OLBH web page has been re-designed and has many things of interest on it. You may register to be a parish member, check the bulletin, send in a bulletin announcement, and much more. Please take a few moments to check it out! olbh.org

Young Adult Group will meet Sat., March 8 after the 5:00 pm Mass in Fr. Mark's rectory. All 18 - 35 are welcome!

SPARKS FROM MARK:

Last week in "Sparks", I talked about the origins of the words Liturgy and Church. This week I would like to focus more on that of Church. Churches are signs of the pilgrim church on earth; they are images that proclaim the heavenly Jerusalem, places in which are actualized the mystery of the communion between God and ourselves.
BLS # 50.

In this week's America Magazine, there is an article titled "Contemporary Catholics on Traditional Devotions" which talks about how young American Catholics are looking and searching for a greater sense of the mystery of Christ in the Church and in their lives. They are hungering for a glimpse or a taste of the Mystery of Christ that comes through experiencing and praying with some of the devotions within our Catholic faith, i.e. Rosary, Stations of the Cross and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

In reading the article, I was struck by the hungering for the sacred through the images of art, which can draw one into the heart of Jesus. One of my favorite places to visit is Rome because of the "sacred art" which has become such a fundamental focus to the many parishes, Churches, and Basilicas in Rome and the surrounding areas. The sacred art seizes ones heart, ones faith, as it tells the story of the living Christ and the many martyrs and saints who have become the living stones of the Church.

I think it hard at times to sense that mystery of Christ at least through the image of sacred art in our parishes Western South Dakota. It was interesting in visiting with Msgr. O'Connell several weeks ago, his comment that our parishes in the diocese have not done much with sacred art as a way to draw one into the mystery or that transcendence of Christ. That is what some of our young American Catholics are longing and hungering for, images and devotions that draw them into the sacred.

I like what St. Augustine has to say when it comes to beauty, "beauty is a key to the mystery and a call to the transcendence". The document, Rite of Dedication of a Church and Altar says that "the very nature of the Church demands that it be suited to sacred celebrations, dignified, and evincing a noble beauty, not merely costly display, and it should stand as a sign and symbol of the heavenly realities".

Prayer Corner:
Please remember in your daily prayers:
Jo Langlee - improved health
Elaine Van Dee - improved health
Rose Ann Cartney - improved health
Marge Schaub - improved health
Robin Stahly - peace
Evelyn Richardson - improved health
Rick Richardson - repose
Elinor Knight - repose
Trish Kostel - improved health
Marge Turgeon - Repose
Don Turgeon - comfort at time of need
Paula Honerkamp - improved health
Reggie Gingras - quick recovery
Lloyd Foight - Peace

Youth Formation Happenings:

Check out the website at http://olbh.org. Click on Youth and then click on newsletter.

Wed. Youth Formation Students: There will be ***NO MEAL OR CLASS*** on Wed., March 5.

Students should attend Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:00 pm.

1st Communion Students & Parents: Sunday, march 9 in the church basement: All parents & students are asked to attend a meeting to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Children, Pre-School - 5th Grade & Parents!!! Come to the Luau Party!! Sunday, March 2, 2:00 - 4:00 pm. If you wish, come dressed in Hawaiian or beach attire. **Please sign up** at the table in the narthex.

Brenda needs CLEAN, 2 liter clear plastic pop bottles for a VBS project. Please put them in the box in the gathering area of the church.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Baptism Prep: 1st Sunday of each Month at 7:00 pm in church library. Call 787-5168 to make an appointment.

Rosary After Masses: A sign up sheet will be kept in the Narthex for those who will be willing to lead the rosary after weekend Masses. The Rosary will be recited through Oct. of 2003 in celebration of the "Year of the Rosary"

On Sundays during Lent: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin immediately after the 10:30 am Mass and conclude at 2:30 pm with benediction and the Stations of the Cross. During Lent, we are called to deepen our relationship with Christ. What better way than to spend some time in quiet prayer during Exposition. We often do not see God in our daily lives, or hear what He is calling us to, if we do not quiet ourselves to hear His voice. During adoration, we need at least one person to be present during the entire time the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in this 3 - hour, period. Please consider signing up for yourself or your family. A sign-up sheet is placed in the back of the church.

Donations of Easter Lilies the week before Easter would be appreciated. To help with our planning, if you would like to donate towards Easter flowers, please let the office know a few weeks ahead of time. Your gifts of flowers are always appreciated.

Necklace Found: in Souper Bowl Collection. Call office at 787-5168 to identify.

Cantor Lenten Music Practices: Sun., Mar. 2, between masses - 9:15 - 9:45 am. (Other practices scheduled as needed). Bring a tape and have a practice recording made. Questions or conflicts? call Lorriane at 716-9239.

Youth Music Ministers: from Wednesday Night Evening Prayer (woodwinds, strings, guitarists, singers) will be serving at one mass a month. Come and celebrate March 2 at the 10:30 am mass and bring your "youthful exuberance!"

STEWARDSHIP Feb. 22 - 23, 2003

General Collections:

Loose-	$1,065.77
Envelopes-	$1,730.00
Votive-	$20.00
Student -	$50.49
Building Fund-	$251.00
Seminarian Fund-	$200.00
First Offering-	$3.00
Albertson's community card -	$43.77
	$3,364.03

Diocesan News:

St. John's & St. Margaret's Church is hosting its annual Chicken Noodle Supper! Bingo, Country Store, Cake Walk, Games, and Fun! Serving begins at 4:30 pm, Mar. 8 at New Underwood School gym.

Lift up Your Hearts, Spring Retreat. Each of us is called to contemplative prayer, and as we draw deeper into the Heart of Love, we slowly become healed and transformed. Registration starts Thursday, Mar. 13 at 6:30 pm and ends Mar. 15 at 10:00 am. Report to the community Center. Offering is $50.00. Overnight accommodations are available for an additional fee. Please register by Mar. 8. Sr. Marmion Howe, 343-2688. You may pick up a registration form on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Blessed Sacrament Church is presenting a non-denominational two-act play about the last hour of Sir Thomas Mores' life before his execution. All proceeds will be directed toward social justice activities. For information and reservations, please call Dee at 342-3336. See the bulletin board in the narthex for complete information.

Last year, your support helped serve 8,193 people! Please remember **Catholic Social Services** with your annual ***Ash Wednesday gift.*** Your annual Ash Wednesday gift helps keep these services affordable to strengthen families!

St. Elizabeth Seton School 2003-2004 New Catholic Family Registration for Pre-school and Grades K-8 will be March 18 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the Seton office. For more information please call 348-1477.

The 8th Annual Ecumenical Women's Day of Reflection will be held at St. Rose of Lima Catholic church parish hall in Hill City on Sat. Mar. 22. Deacon Fred Tully will present this year's theme "Developing Principles for Living Christ's Teachings or a Simplistic Description of Some Very Hard Work". Registration, coffee juice, & calories will be available at 8:30 am with the presentation from 9:00 - 2:00, with a break for lunch. Please bring a salad to share - drinks and dessert will be furnished. There is no specified fee, but donations will be accepted for the speaker. Women of all religious denominations are welcome.

Marriage Encounter Weekends are a time for married couples to examine their lives together - to know each other more completely and love more deeply. You will learn effective ways to dialogue, and have opportunities to share feelings, fears, hopes and joys. The next scheduled weekend is Apr. 11-13 at Blue Cloud Abbey. We would encourage all couples interested in attending to register early. Deadline for registration is Fri., Mar. 21. For info. call Curt & Rochelle Lauret, 605-362-9145 or to register call Noel & Mary Lais, 605-334-0485.

Retrouvaille - A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages: A weekend away to "rediscover" yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Although no weekends are scheduled locally, there is one offered in the region in April. The weekend is Apr. 4-6 in Waverly, Iowa. Contact couple: Dick & Joyce Smith, 563-875-8791. Deadline for registration is Friday, Mar. 28.

Christian Family Planning Seminar - will be offered by the Diocesan Natural Family Planning Ministry (NFPM) on Sat., Apr. 5 at St. Therese Catholic Church. The seminar, a requirement for engaged couples, is also an enriching learning experience for married couples and anyone wanting to know more about NFP and the Church's teachings. For info. call Ginny at Family Life Ministries at 343-3541. Pre-registration is required. Deadline for registration is Fri., Mar. 28.

For the Ride Home
8th Sunday of Ordinary Time
March 02, 2003

Scripture

- I will espouse you to me forever: I will espouse you in right and in justice, in love and in mercy; I will espouse you in fidelity, and you shall know the LORD. (Hosea 2:18,19)
- Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. (Psalm 103:8)
- Not that of ourselves we are qualified to take credit for anything as coming from us; rather, our qualification comes from God, (2 Corinthians 3:5)
- Likewise, no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the skins are ruined. Rather, new wine is poured into fresh wineskins." (Mark 2:22)

Reflection

- God is described as acting with right, justice, love, mercy, and fidelity towards you. Is there any other way that you would desire God to act towards you?
- Do you believe that God is "slow to anger and rich in kindness?"
- Can anyone love without being first loved? ("no one pours new wine into old wineskins") Is it possible for love and mercy to enter the world outside of God?
- What is the last act of love or mercy that you have given, received, or witnessed?

It is in our interest to love Him. In fact if we do not succeed in falling in love with God in the course of our life we are lost. Without love we are incomplete, immature, bored, without paradise. Indeed we could unhesitatingly establish the equation: love of God equals peace, joy, happiness, faithfulness, exaltation, paradise; not loving God equals war, unhappiness, loneliness, sterility, death, hell. . . . The love of God constrains us to become like God, similar to God with the tastes of God. There is no escape. If God loves light then we too must love light. If God forgives then we too must forgive. If God dies for love then we too must be prepared to die for love. (Carlos Carretto - The Desert in the City, pp. 58,59)

Community Events

Piedmont Valley Easter Cantata - Everyone who enjoys singing should join their neighbors to celebrate Easter in Song this year. Rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 - 5:30 at OLBH, beginning Feb. 23. Performance on Palm Sunday, April 13. Spread the word to friends & Neighbors...and lend your voice, too. Bring your copy of "Who Do You Say I Am" if you already have one. For additional details, contact John Osnes at 787-5862.

Did You Know...that we received $43.00 from using the Albertson's Community Partner Cards?